

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/9/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 9-13, 16-20, and 24-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-26, as amended on 2/26/2007, are pending in the instant application. Claims 6-8, 14-15, and 21-23 have been withdrawn. Applicant's arguments have been carefully and fully considered, and are persuasive. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 9 paragraph 7, with respect to the rejection of claims 16-20 under 35 USC 101 are persuasive. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 16-20 is withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 6-8, 14-15, and 21-23 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 6-8, 14-15, and 21-23 have been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

4. **Claims 1-5, 9-13, 16-20, and 24-26** are allowed.

5. **Claim 1** has been amended to recite the limitations "*breaking up an existing file into two or more memory blocks for use by an application*" and "*managing the two or more memory blocks as nodes in a heap tree*". These limitations are taught by the specification in paragraphs 0031 and 0032, and argued by applicant in the second

paragraph of page 11 of the arguments submitted 2/26/2007. These limitations, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 1, are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

6. **Claims 2-5 and 24** depend from claim 1, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

7. **Claim 9** has been amended to recite the limitations "*an existing file broken up into two or more blocks of memory for use by an application*" and "*a heap tree configured to manage the two or more blocks of memory as nodes in the heap tree*".

These limitations are taught by the specification in paragraphs 0031 and 0032, and argued by applicant in the second paragraph of page 11 of the arguments submitted 2/26/2007. These limitations, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 9, are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

8. **Claims 10-11 and 25** depend from claim 9, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 9.

9. **Claim 16** has been amended to recite the limitations "*breaking up an existing file into two or more memory blocks for use by an application*" and "*managing the two or more memory blocks as nodes in a heap tree*". These limitations are taught by the specification in paragraphs 0031 and 0032, and argued by applicant in the second paragraph of page 11 of the arguments submitted 2/26/2007. These limitations, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 16, are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

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10. **Claims 17-20 and 26** depend from claim 16, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 16.

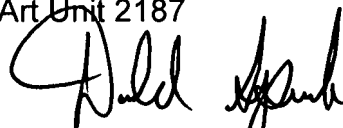
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jared I. Rutz whose telephone number is (571) 272-5535. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Sparks can be reached on (571) 272-4201. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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